

2005 Arbor Day Poster Contest for Wisconsin 5th Graders

The Department of Natural Resources Forestry Division is sponsoring the thirteenth annual Arbor Day Poster Contest for all state 5th Graders. The contest is part of a national competition sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation and is the culmination of an Arbor Day curriculum unit that is provided to each 5th grade teacher. Over 1300 students participated in the 2004 contest. **Seth Berger** of Lincoln Elementary in Marshfield took top state honors!

The 2005 theme is: "**Trees are Terrific . . . and Energy Wise!**"

The artwork must be original and signed by the artist. It may be done in marker, crayon, watercolor, ink, acrylic or tempera paint. The brighter colors make the best poster! No computer generated art or glued collages are allowed. It must be no larger than 14"x18" and no smaller than 8½"x11". The theme must be on the poster, spelled correctly and easy to read.

Only one poster may be submitted per school, so a school contest is necessary. Judging guidelines are included in the curriculum package.

Awards will be given to the top three posters in the state and the first place poster will be forwarded to the national competition. Wisconsin's first, second and third place winners will be presented with plaques and savings bonds of \$100, \$75, and \$50 respectively and their teachers will be honored with books at an award ceremony in Madison in spring 2005. The Wisconsin Arborist Association donates these awards. Each winner will also receive a landscape tree to be planted at their school or in their community, donated by the Wisconsin Nursery Association.

A calendar featuring the top twelve 2005 posters will be made for the year 2006 to share the students' artwork with the state. For inspiration, take a look at the winning posters of the 2004 contest and the 2004 Calendar made from the top twelve 2003 winners at:

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/forestry/uf/awareness/index.htm>

Contest and curriculum materials, addressed to "5th grade teacher," will be sent to all public and private elementary schools in October 2004.

Entries must be postmarked by February 22, 2005

For more information or additional contest packets contact: Arbor Day Poster Contest, PO Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707 or e-mail richard.rideout@dnr.state.wi.us.